

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2312 - SB 2299**

February 10, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a Local Education Agency (LEA) or the Department of Education (DOE) to provide testing materials, proposed testing materials, or school records relative to assessments that is in the LEA's or DOE's possession to a member of the General Assembly upon the member's request to inspect and review the material. Requires the DOE to only enter into assessment contractual agreements that allow testing material to be released to members beginning July 1, 2022.

Authorizes the member to share information obtained from the material with other members of the General Assembly, third-party experts, and public-school leaders. Prohibits a member from sharing any material with a student or the parent of the student enrolled in an LEA. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules to protect the integrity of material that is reviewed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Providing such testing material for review by a member will not result in a significant impact to LEAs or the DOE and can be facilitated within existing resources.
- Any exposure that was found to impact score interpretations, validity or reliability of the assessments may place the state at risk of not complying with federal law resulting in a loss of up to \$400,000,000 annually.
- It is reasonably assumed that policies and procedures will be implemented to ensure compliance with assessment integrity requirements and that members of the General Assembly will comply with such requirements.
- The SBE can promulgate rules and implement policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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